



BAH/OHA



When am I eligible for BAH/OHA?

If you are not furnished government housing, and are assigned to a permanent duty within the 50 United States, you are eligible for a Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). If you have dependents and are serving overseas (excluding Hawaii and Alaska) you are entitled to OHA at the “with dependent” rate based upon your rank and the zip code of where your dependents reside. If you are stationed overseas and are not furnished government quarters, then you are also entitled to OHA based on your dependency status.

Do I get BAH/OHA if I am divorced and have children?

1. If you have custodial custody of your children, (that is, you have 51% or greater custody of your children) then you are considered to "have dependents," and are entitled to receive full-rate BAH, even if you reside temporarily in the barracks (such as in basic training, job school, or unaccompanied overseas assignment).
2. If you do not have custodial custody of your children, and are paying child support, you are not authorized to receive the full BAH rate while living in the barracks. Instead, you will be entitled to the BAH-DIFF, which is the difference between the BAH without dependents and the BAH with dependents. However, you are only entitled to this if your child support payments equal or exceed the BAH-DIFF rate, and you must prove this is the case with the support agreement or a court order. If the amount of support is less than the BAH-DIFF rate, you are not entitled to the BAH-DIFF. If you are authorized to live off-post at the government's expense and are paying child support, then you are entitled to the full with dependent rate BAH.

Where may I find more information on BAH/OHA?

BAH is governed by the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Chapter 10. This can be found online at numerous websites, including [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/perdiem/JFTR\(Ch1-10\).pdf](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/perdiem/JFTR(Ch1-10).pdf)

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